

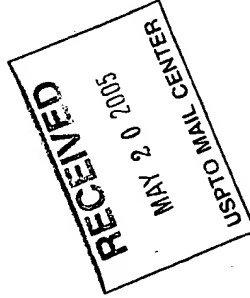
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

1. **Claims 1-7 are rejected** because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter because it is not in the technological arts. Re. Claims 1-5, the word "enabling" limits the claim to merely a potential for electronic notification. Re. Claims 6 and 7, a vehicle and a building are not in the technological arts.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. **Claim 10 is rejected** under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear as to what constitutes a wireless communications device in this claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1-5, 8 and 10 are rejected** under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Joao et al. (US Patent 5,878,337, hereafter Joao).

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Re. Claim 1, Joao anticipates a method of providing a notification service to a legitimate user regarding use of an object of the user, the method comprising enabling to communicate an electronic notification to a personal communication device of the user upon detection of the use of the object (Abstract; Col. 1, ll. 8-16; Col. 3, l. 62 – Col. 4, l. 24; Col. 5, ll. 20-25; Col. 5, l. 58 – Col. 6, l. 18).

Re. Claim 2, Joao anticipates a method comprising enabling a party other than the user to be registered as a recipient of the notification (Col. 6, ll. 11-18).

Re. Claim 3, Joao anticipates a method comprising enabling the user to specify a modality of the notification (Col. 6, ll. 11-18).

Re. Claim 4, Joao anticipates a method comprising enabling the user to electronically validate or invalidate the use of the object upon receipt of the electronic notification (Col. 6, ll. 44-49).

Re. Claim 5, Joao anticipates a method wherein the object comprises a credit card (Col. 3, l. 66).

Re. Claim 8, Joao anticipates a method wherein the communication device comprises a mobile phone (Col. 4, l. 2; Col. 6, l. 15).

Re. Claim 10, Joao anticipates a personal communication device for wireless communication of a predefined message to a server upon receipt of an alert and upon a user initiating the communication (Col. 3, l. 62 – Col. 4, Col. 3, ll. 32-59).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being disclosed by Joao.

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Re. Claim 6, Joao does not explicitly disclose a method wherein the object comprises a vehicle. However, the ordinary practitioner of the art at the time of Applicant's invention would have found it obvious to include notification of the use of a vehicle to a personal communication device of the user upon detection of the use of the vehicle. The motivation would have been to provide prompt notification to the vehicle owner, lessor, lessee or operator when his or her vehicle is, or has been, utilized in an unauthorized manner (Joao, Col. 3, ll. 54-59).

Re. Claim 7, Joao does not explicitly disclose a method wherein the object is a functional part of a building. However, the ordinary practitioner of the art at the time of Applicant's invention would have found it obvious to include notification of the use of a functional part of a building to a personal communication device of the user upon detection of the use of a functional part of a building. The motivation would have been to provide prompt notification to the building's owner, lessor, lessee or operator when his or her part of a building is, or has been, utilized in an unauthorized manner (Joao, Col. 3, ll. 54-59).

Re. Claim 9, Joao does not explicitly disclose a method of providing a deterrent to unauthorized use of objects of authorized users, the method comprising advertising that use of at least one of the objects initiates a sending of an electronic notification to a personal communication device of a relevant one of the authorized uses. However, the advertising of security devices and systems has been very visible in public places, outside of homes and on vehicles for decades or longer, such as the signs which ADT provides to its customers to post on the exterior of windows, doors and walls to advertise the operation of a security system at that location. Therefore, it would have been obvious for the ordinary practitioner of the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have advertised the fact that the use of at least one of the objects initiates a sending of an electronic notification to a personal communication device of a relevant one of the authorized uses. The motivation has been to deter unauthorized use of a personal communications device (Joao, Col. 3, ll. 54-59).

Conclusion

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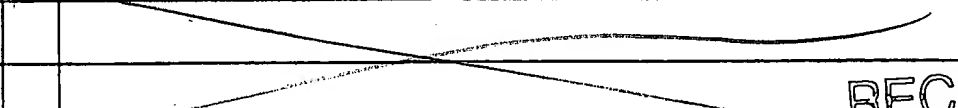
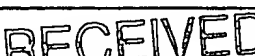


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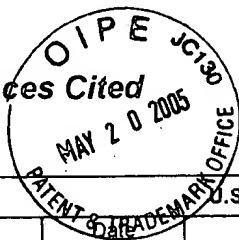
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